

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Amended) A protective glove configured to cover the hand of a user, comprising:

a first portion configured for tightly fitting on at least a portion of the hand of the user, said first portion made of a first material that directly contacts said portion of the user's hand; and

a second portion made of a different material than said first portion and attached to said first portion in at least one finger stall of said glove to directly contact the user's finger tip, said second portion circumscribed by said first portion at a finger tip of said finger stall so as not to extend completely around said finger stall contiguous with the first portion and configured for tightly fitting on at least a portion of the hand of the user, wherein the second portion has a higher tactility than the first portion such that the user may more easily feel through the second portion than through the first portion.

2. (Amended) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the first portion is configured to cover the palm, the back of the hand, the pinky finger, the ring finger, the middle finger, and the thumb of the user;

the second portion is disposed at the finger tip configured to cover a portion of the tip of the index finger of the user; and

the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the index finger of the user not covered by the second portion.

3. (Original) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the glove has a first orientation wherein the first portion is configured to cover the second portion; and

the glove has a second orientation wherein the second portion is exposed by repositioning the first portion covering the second portion in the first orientation.

4. Cancelled

5. Cancelled

6. (Original) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is configured to cover the index finger of the user; and

the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

7. (Amended) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is disposed at the finger tips of a plurality of finger stalls

~~configured to cover the tip of the thumb of the user, the tip of the index finger of the~~

~~user, the tip of the middle finger of the user, the tip of the ring finger of the user, and the~~

~~tip of the pinky finger of the user;~~ and

the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

8. (Amended) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is disposed at the finger tips of all of the finger stalls and

~~thumb stall configured to cover the index finger of the user, the middle finger of the user,~~

~~the ring finger of the user, and the pinky finger of the user;~~ and

the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

9. Cancelled

10. (Original) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second portion

is made of polypropylene.

11. (Original) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein the first portion is made of a material selected from the group consisting of nitrile, natural rubber latex, silicone, polyurethane, and a thermoplastic/elastomer.

12. (Original) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein the second portion is thinner than the first portion.

13. Cancelled

14. (Amended) The protective glove as set forth in claim 1, wherein:

the second portion is disposed at the finger tip ~~configured to cover at least a portion of the thumb of the user and at least a portion~~ a finger tip of at least one of the other fingers of the user; and

the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user.

Claims 15 through 29: Cancelled

30. (Original) A protective glove configured to cover the hand of a user, comprising:

a first portion configured to cover the entire hand of the user while the glove is in a first orientation, in the first orientation the first portion defines a slit located at the part of the first portion configured to cover the back side of the index finger of the user;

a second portion made of polypropylene and attached to the first portion, in the first orientation the second portion is covered by the first portion;

wherein the glove has a second orientation in which the second portion is exposed from the first portion and the second portion is configured to cover the entire tip of the index finger of the user and wherein in the second orientation the first portion is configured to cover the rest of the hand of the user; and

wherein the second portion has a higher tactility than the first portion such that the user may more easily feel through the second portion than through the first portion.